



Employment Development Department

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TO: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADMINISTRATORS
PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS
JTPD PROGRAM OPERATORS
EDD JOB SERVICE OFFICE MANAGERS
JTPD STAFF

SUBJECT: SDA ADMINISTRATORS' QUARTERLY MEETING SUMMMARY

A summary of the April 7, 1998, Service Delivery Area (SDA) Administrators' Quarterly meeting is attached. If you have any questions or comments regarding the summary, please contact:

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**SERVICE DELIVERY AREA (SDA) ADMINISTRATORS' QUARTERLY
MEETING SUMMARY
APRIL 7, 1998**

Hot Topics

Main Points

- A Welfare-to-Work (WtW) tax credit will be offered as an additional employer incentive. A directive is being drafted to convey how the WtW tax credit can be integrated with the Work Opportunity Tax Credit.
- The program year (PY) 1997-98 Title III Governor's Discretionary 40 percent fund is down to \$2 million in available funding.
- Current year Title III 60 percent and 40 percent expenditure rates are down about three percent from last year.
- In response to several inquiries from SDAs, the Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD) is developing a concept paper for the Director of the Employment Development (EDD), that requests decisions on the future funding of One-Stop Career Centers (OSCC) with Title III Governor's Discretionary 40 percent funding. Continuation of existing work past the current June 30, 1998, date is also under review.

Decisions/Conclusions

It was decided that a workgroup would be formed to discuss options and needs for next year's estimated Title III funding. It was also proposed that the workgroup (or a separate workgroup) discuss changes in respective OSCC environments.

Note: After the meeting it was determined that, because the next year Title III budget has to be set up sooner than originally envisioned, it is going to be a problem to accomplish this via a workgroup in the short amount of time available. Therefore, instead of a workgroup, Title III planning will be an agenda item at the June quarterly SDA meeting.

Flood Updates

Main Points

- All 1997 flood funds are obligated and all but \$3 million has been expended.
- The State has received spending authority for \$18 million of the \$25 million awarded for PY 1998 flood efforts. The EDD has submitted a funding request of up to \$82 million to support the remainder of the State's flood efforts. DOL action is pending.

Waivers Discussion

Main Points

- No new information has been received from the DOL National Office regarding California's waiver's package.

Concern was expressed regarding the changes to the performance incentive funds. The concern was that SDAs are already well into their Request for Proposal (RFP) process and establishing a waivers performance set aside could pose problems for SDAs in finalizing their respective RFPs with their pool of potential service providers. Bill Burke, Assistant Deputy Director, JTPD, responded that the State will provide guidance to the SDAs regarding any RFP disputes as a result of the performance incentive fund changes.

WtW Discussion

Main Points

- The WtW State Plan has been submitted and EDD is awaiting federal approval.
- The Secretary of Labor made \$184 million available for 25 percent grants. The EDD received 105 applications for comments prior to applicants forwarding their proposals to the Secretary of Labor. California requested a total of \$265 million.
- A public document residing on the State Job Training Coordinating Council Web site was handed out. The document sets proposed criteria for the Governor's 15 percent Special Projects funds. The State is requesting input on the document as it will be used as the basis for developing an RFP process. Public forums soliciting input from California's employment training service delivery system were held April 16-17, 1998.
- There was a great deal of discussion and many questions raised as to the WtW capacity-building plans. The questions are being deciphered and will be submitted under separate cover.
- Liz Clingman, Manager, SDA Support Section, JTPD, discussed the financial reporting parameters extracted from the DOL draft requirements currently under review by the Office of Management and Budget. No directions for program and participant reporting have been issued by the Department of Health and Human Services.

National Performance Initiative

Main Points

- The DOL plans to release their revised performance standards sometime in April 1998. They have not been released as of the date of this Information Bulletin.
- Beginning PY 1998-99, states are going to have the option of using current telephone survey for post program follow-up or replacing that system with follow-up through the Unemployment Insurance base wage system. The DOL will publish standardized methodology for states who choose the latter.
- The Governor's letter and liaison letter for the performance report card (previously referred to as tier one and tier two) are expected to be released soon.

California Job Openings Browse System (CalJOBS) Update

Main Points

- Jan Morikawa, Chief, Central Office Job Service Division and Al Dave, Chief, Los Angeles Job Service Division, presented an update on the CalJOBS project and indicated that statewide implementation is targeted for August 1998.

- Approximately 105,000 job openings and 83,000 enrolled job seekers are on the CalJOBS system statewide. All job openings on the Job Match system and CalJOBS are now sent to America's Job Bank nightly.
- The current Job Match system will be shut down by the end of 1998.
- A customer satisfaction screen for both employers and job seekers will be added to CalJOBS within four to five months.
- A Spanish version of CalJOBS and a refined search component will be on line by the end of April 1998.

Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Eight Percent Funds

Main Points

- Mary Ann Goodwin of the California Department of Education (CDE) conveyed that the PY 1998-99 30 percent funds will be distributed to the local areas via an Aid to Families with Dependent Children population-based formula with a \$40,000 minimum base allocation. The billing of expenditures would be on a basis of \$8 per hour of work experience.
- Concern was expressed that the billing formula used to derive program outcome measures significantly underestimated payroll costs which leaves administrative functions needed to generate the paid work experience and internship hours considerably underfunded. Concern was also raised as to how the 30 percent funds would be aligned with the School-to-Career program providers. Mary Ann said she would raise these issues within the CDE.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.